

House Resolution 1202

By: Representatives Pruett of the 144th, Meadows of the 5th, Yates of the 73rd, Collins of the 27th, Everson of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of SFC William Maud Bryant and dedicating a highway in his memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Maud Bryant was born in Cochran, Georgia, on February 16, 1933;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he rose through the ranks to his final assignment as a Sergeant First Class in the
6 United States Army, Company A, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces, based in
7 Long Khanh Province in the Republic of Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, he was killed in action on March 24, 1969, and was posthumously awarded the
9 Congressional Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the
10 risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty; and

11 WHEREAS, SFC Bryant distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of
12 Civilian Irregular Defense Group Company 321, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Mobile Strike Force
13 Command, during combat operations. The battalion came under heavy fire and became
14 surrounded by the elements of three enemy regiments. He displayed extraordinary heroism
15 throughout the succeeding 34 hours of incessant attack as he moved throughout the company
16 position, heedless of the intense hostile fire, while establishing and improving the defensive
17 perimeter, directing fire during critical phases of the battle, distributing ammunition, assisting
18 the wounded, and providing leadership and an inspirational example of courage to his men;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, inspired by his heroic example, his men regrouped for a final assault against the
21 enemy, when SFC Bryant fell mortally wounded by an enemy rocket; and

22 WHEREAS, his selfless concern for his comrades at the cost of his life above and beyond
23 the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect

24 great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army, and it is only proper and
25 fitting to honor his sacrifice with a lasting memorial.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 87 North in Bleckley County from the city limits of
28 Cochran to the Bleckley-Twiggs County line be dedicated as the William Maud Bryant
29 Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the William Maud Bryant
32 Memorial Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of William Maud
35 Bryant and the Department of Transportation.